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favoring a tax cut and trying to be accommodating about it are frankly being whipsawed at this point I believe as far as the methodology by which that will be accomplished. But I think at this point at least I would encourage the body to adopt Senator Maurstad's amendment to the committee amendments, to subsequently adopt that to the bill and advance the bill over. And has become our tradition this session, for better or worse, move the bill over to Select File and make it part of the mix and let's talk about it over there. With that, I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you, Senator Will. Let me, if I can, just while you were talking, Senator Chambers, I had a couple of thoughts on the questions you were asking and I'm going to give you somewhat of my personal opinion and some of it I will quote. And I don't know if Senator Chambers here right now, but I will go ahead with talking about it anyway. In that looking at the Forecasting Board and having served on Appropriations Committee for about four budget years, I think over and over we have found the revenue Forecasting Board to be rather conservative, I'm going to say, in their approach. I don't, you know, the fact that they are going to under...overestimate in the future I don't think is particularly The one time that we came in, during my going to happen. tenure, that we came in to have to do some budget adjustments of about \$24 million because we were short of money was not because of the revenue projections. But that was because of the federal Medicaid match that changed drastically and we got a great reduction in Medicaid from federal dollars over what we had thought. The revenues have consistently gone up and not down. And one of the references that I would make is on page 2 of the budget book that you got and it talked about where did the surplus come from. I think it's interesting that you would know last 3 years that there was a 5.9 percent increase in over the So over that 3-year period we've revenues. And in that same 3-year period, 4.4 percent was the increase in expenditures or 3.1 percent over a 3-year Now that was a slower also growth.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BILLMAN: And the declining growth in our expenditures